

## Third Conditional – Worksheet 2

### Exercise 1: Conversation (Using Third Conditional Forms)

**Instructions:** Complete the dialogue using the correct **third conditional** form of the verbs in parentheses.

- ◆ **Emma:** I feel terrible about missing Sarah’s wedding.
  - ◆ **Tom:** Well, if we \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) earlier, we \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) on time.
  - ◆ **Emma:** I know! Had we \_\_\_\_\_ (check) the train schedule, we \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) late.
  - ◆ **Tom:** And if you \_\_\_\_\_ (not forget) your bag at the restaurant, we \_\_\_\_\_ (not have to) go back for it.
  - ◆ **Emma:** I still feel guilty. If she \_\_\_\_\_ (not invite) me, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not feel) so bad!
  - ◆ **Tom:** She understands. If she \_\_\_\_\_ (be) really upset, she \_\_\_\_\_ (not send) us a message saying she missed us.
  - ◆ **Emma:** True. I just wish we had been there.
  - ◆ **Tom:** Next time, we’ll plan better. If we \_\_\_\_\_ (wake) up earlier, we \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) any problems.
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### Exercise 2: News Report (Using Third Conditional Forms)

**Instructions:** Fill in the gaps in the news report using the correct third conditional form of the verbs in parentheses.

#### **BREAKING NEWS: POWER OUTAGE CAUSED MAJOR DISRUPTIONS**

The city experienced a **major power outage** last night, leading to transport chaos and business disruptions. Officials claim that **if maintenance work \_\_\_\_\_ (be) completed on time, the blackout \_\_\_\_\_ (not happen).**

Reports indicate that thousands of commuters were stranded. “If the power outage \_\_\_\_\_ (not occur), I \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) home hours ago,” one frustrated passenger told reporters.

Additionally, several businesses faced **huge financial losses**. A local bakery owner stated, “Had we \_\_\_\_\_ (receive) a warning, we \_\_\_\_\_ (not prepare) so many baked goods today.”

The government has promised to investigate the cause of the blackout. A spokesperson said, “If the authorities \_\_\_\_\_ **(take)** action sooner, this situation \*\* \_\_\_\_\_ (be) avoided.”

Experts believe that **the outdated power grid is to blame**. “If upgrades \*\* \_\_\_\_\_ (be) made earlier, we \_\_\_\_\_ **(not have)** these issues,” said an energy specialist.

The mayor reassured the public, stating, “If we \_\_\_\_\_ **(learn)** from this, we \_\_\_\_\_ **(not face)** similar crises in the future.”

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## Key Takeaways for Students

- ✓ **Third conditional** → **Past unreal/hypothetical situations** (*If I had studied, I would have passed.*)
- ✓ **Standard form** → **If + past perfect, would have + past participle**
- ✓ **Contracted form** → *If I'd known, I'd have told you.*
- ✓ **No comma needed when reversing clauses** → *I would have passed if I had studied.*
- ✓ **Formal alternative** → *Had I studied, I would have passed.*
- ✓ **Passive voice possible** → *If the meeting had been planned better, it would have finished on time.*